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- 11. LEAD STORIES: All Tuesday morning papers gave top play to Prime Minister Hatoyama's announcement on Monday of his decision on such issues as child allowances and provisional gasoline tax rates.
- 12. "Iranian Official Expresses Confrontational Position" Carrying a one-on-one interview with Secretary of the Iranian Supreme National Security Council Saeed Jalili on Monday in Tokyo, during which he rejected an IAEA proposal to transfer low-enriched uranium out of Iran, the moderate Yomiuri wrote in an accompanying article (12/22): "Secretary Jalili clearly stated that Iran rejects the IAEA proposal supported by the U.S., UK, and France. He openly demonstrated Tehran's confrontational position of ignoring the year-end deadline set by the U.S. and European nations and firmly persisting in its nuclear development. It is becoming increasingly difficult to achieve a breakthrough in the Iranian nuclear issue."

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